

2015 Energy Drive
East Troy, WI 53120
262-642-6255

Village Board

1st and 3rd Monday at 6:30

Plan Commission

2nd Monday at 6:30

Important Numbers

Village Hall	642-6255
Building Insp.	642-6260
Library	642-6262
Municipal Court	642-6252
Park & Rec	642-6255
Police Dept. (non-emergency)	642-6250
Public Works	642-6255

Elected Officials

Village President:

Scott Seager

Trustees:

John Alexander
Alex Alger
Alan Boyes
Mary Hubbard Nugent
Matt Johnson
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Judge:

Michael Cotter

Our Twentieth Edition

Welcome to the Twentieth edition of the Village View newsletter! In these unprecedented times, the Village of East Troy is striving to provide a safe polling place for our residents and workers on election day. Please watch for updates regarding the upcoming election on our [Facebook page](#) or website, [eastroywi.gov](#).

Partisan Primary Election

The August 11 election is a PARTISAN PRIMARY. This means that you may only vote for candidates within one political party.

Step 1 – Choose a party

Step 2 – Cast your votes for candidates within that political party. This choice does NOT label you as a member of that political party.

Your vote indicates which candidate you think that political party should nominate to be on the November ballot.

This is important because if you cross-party vote it will affect your vote! If you choose a political party in Step 1 any votes within that same party WILL BE COUNTED and any votes NOT within that party will be ignored. If you do not choose a political party in Step 1 and then vote in more than one party your ballot will be rejected and none of your votes will be counted.-

Want to see what is on your ballot? Go to www.myvote.wi.gov and enter your name and date of birth. On this web site you can also check that you are currently registered to vote, request an absentee ballot, see your elected officials and more! It's a helpful site – check it out!



Important Dates:

July
28 In-Person Absentee Voting Began

August
7 In-Person Absentee Voting Ceases
11 Partisan Primary Election

September
7 Offices Closed
12 E-Cycle Event
21 Yard Waste Collection

See our full event calendar at: [eastroywi.gov](#)

Parks & Recreation Department

Submitted by Vickie Muszynski, Park & Recreation Director

Join us August 7th at Booth Lake Memorial park for Toy Story 4. This is a great time to get outdoors and watch a family friendly film. The movie will start at dusk and is FREE to everyone! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray! There are concessions and restroom facilities available.



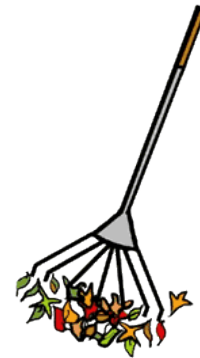
This wouldn't be an article if we didn't mention COVID, right? So here it is... Due to COVID we will only be offering a handful of programs in the fall. Our guide will be available online only, www.easttroywi.gov

I hope this finds you all safe and you have enjoyed your summer so far. See you soon!

Yard Waste Collection

The following are scheduled collections dates for the fall:

- September 21
- October 5 & 19
- November 2 & 16



All materials **must** be curbside by 6 AM. Brush and branches must be **bundled**, less than 4' in length, less than 6" in diameter, less than 50 pounds. No full trees. Clippings, leaves and garden debris **must** be in paper or plastic **BIODEGRADABLE** bags or in 32 gallon garbage cans (NOT the garbage or recycling totes). All yard waste must be free of glass, plastic, metal, stones & other non-degradable materials. Weeds are included but invasive species including garlic mustard should not be mixed with yard waste. Invasive species may be bagged and placed in the brown cart for the garbage collection.

****Yard waste in plastic bags that are NOT BIODEGRADABLE will NOT be accepted.****

Top Election Tips

#1 -Don't delay! If you need to register to vote (you have moved, changed your mailing address or changed your name) or would like to vote by absentee ballot don't wait. Visit www.myvote.wi.gov to register or request an absentee ballot. If you have any questions or difficulties with this website, contact your Municipal Clerk. Plan ahead!

#2 – www.myvote.wi.gov is the easiest way to register to vote (be sure your information with the DMV is current), request an absentee ballot be mailed to you. This site has lots of other election resources too! You can see what will be on your ballot, your voting history and even check to see if you are already registered, if you already have an absentee request on file and track the delivery of your absentee ballot! You can also find your elected officials and how to contact them. It's a handy site – bookmark it!

#3—Voter Registration . After July 22, Voter Registration may be done **in person** at the Municipal Clerk's office Monday – Friday from 8 am to 4 pm and until 5 pm on Friday August 7, with acceptable Proof of Residency.

#4—In-Person Absentee Voting. This allows you to vote an absentee ballot in-person at the Municipal Clerk's office. For the Village of East Troy this begins Tuesday July 28, Monday – Friday from 8 am to 4 pm and until 5 pm on Friday August 7. Photo ID is required.

#5—Absentee Ballot Witness. If you are voting an absentee ballot, or witnessing an absentee voter's ballot, the witness **MUST** provide a signature and a **FULL** address including street address, city, state and zip! On the envelope that the ballot is returned in there are three yellow highlighted areas – for the voter to sign, for the witness to sign and for the witness to provide their address. **ALL THREE** areas **MUST** be completed. A spouse **MAY** act as a witness for their spouse or partner. You may witness a voter voting and sign their ballot envelope from a safe, social distance or through a window and then retrieve the envelope to add your witness signature and full address.

#6—Returning a Voted Absentee Ballot. Return the envelope with the ballot via USPS. The envelope is postage paid so there is no need to add postage. You may also place your absentee ballot in either of our outside drop boxes or bring it into the office drop slot. Absentee ballots **MUST** be received at our office by 8 pm on Election Day.

#7—Election Day. There **WILL** be in-person voting on August 11 at 2015 Energy Dr. for the Village of East Troy, enter through the north entrance and exit (only!) from the east entrance. Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 262-642-6255.

What Can I Recycle?

The solid waste reduction, recovery and recycling law was enacted to promote development of waste management structures and encourage reduction, reuse and recycling of Wisconsin's solid waste.

In response to the law, the Village contracted with John's Disposal for curbside recycle collection and scheduled electronic recycling events.

The following items can be placed in the green recycle cart on recycle collection dates:

MIXED CONTAINERS

- Aluminum cans & clean aluminum foil
- Tin cans, steel cans, aerosol cans, empty/dried paint cans
- Glass bottles & jars
- #1-7 plastic bottles or jugs
- Milk cartons, juice boxes, soup cartons

MIXED PAPER

- Newspaper, magazines, books, mail, school/office paper
- Brown corrugated cardboard (flattened)
- Gray chipboard (cereal & shoe boxes)
- Brown paper bags

SHREDDED PAPER

- Please put in a clear plastic bag, tied, and place in the Green cart.

Do not put the following items in the green cart:

- Styrofoam
- Yard waste
- Trash
- Household hazardous waste
- Construction materials
- Plastic bags & toys

Do not put recycling in plastic bags. (see exception for shredded paper)

The next Electronic Recycling Event is scheduled for 09/12/20. Please visit our website at easttroywi.gov for more information.



Department of Public Works

CHLORIDE (SALT) REDUCTION

The Village of East Troy is continuing its effort to reduce chlorides in our Village and at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. One of the biggest culprit is water softeners and **YOU CAN** help! There are 3 things you need to know:

1. The DNR imposes a limit to the chloride level at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
2. Working together we can avoid DNR fines and/or expensive options at the Treatment Plant
3. We can all SAVE money

Chlorides discharged from water softeners end up at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and need to be treated before being returned to the water supply. The WDNR establishes groundwater quality standards and our discharge is reaching maximum levels. Most groundwater has some degree of hardness. Basic hardness is produced by the presence of calcium and magnesium dissolved in water. If these minerals are not removed they may build up as scale on pipes and fixtures, coat water heater elements and may cause increased detergent usage. High levels can also make water taste unpleasant and excessively high levels can contribute to certain heart ailments or high blood pressure, particularly in susceptible individuals. Chloride is not absorbed or degraded as it moves through the ground, so we cannot rely on natural means of reduction. We are capable of removing a certain amount of chloride at the WWTP but when levels exceed our capabilities the Village may be fined by the State. Everyone's cooperation is needed to reduce chlorides.

What needs to be done:

- Homeowners need to review their softener settings. Older and less expensive softeners regenerate on a schedule set by a timer. More efficient softeners ("on-demand") have flow meters or hardness sensors and regenerate only after the proper amount of water use so they don't waste salt
- Use settings for a reasonable level of softening, not the maximum, and have the controls calibrated periodically (18 grains for the Village of East Troy)
- Industries need to make reductions of chloride in products used for daily operations
- Do not over-treat sidewalks when deicing

If you are considering a replacing your old style water softener please consider an "on demand" system - the Village of East Troy is offering a \$100 rebate incentive! For more details, please visit our website at easttroywi.gov.

Reporting Streetlight Outage

To report a streetlight that is out, please contact **We Energies 800-662-4797** or go to [We Energies website](#) . Please supply the number that is located on the light pole.

New Sewer Rates

At the 3/2/20 Village Board meeting an increase to sewer utility rates was approved to commence at the beginning of third quarter 2020. The rates and financial projections for the utility were reviewed with financial advisors and it was determined a rate increase is necessary to fund operations, maintenance, and capital needs for the utility. Although water and sewer utilities are combined on one bill, it is important to note the assets, revenues, and expenditures are accounted for separately for each utility. There have been recent rate adjustments for the water utility, however, **the last adjustment to sewer utility rates was in 2009**. As could be expected, over 11 years costs have increased for the utility and it has now become necessary to adjust rates accordingly.

CDA Façade Grant Program

East Troy's Façade Revitalization Grant program has been designed to improve the curb appeal of the community's commercial structures and support ongoing investment in local businesses. This grant is a 50/50 reimbursement grant with awards up to \$20,000 for local Village of East Troy businesses! The deadline for submitting an application is September 1, 2020. You can find more information about the grant and an application at www.ecode360.com under misc. documents.



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